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# Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week ending October 29, 2006

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 2.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 29, 2006**. Due to the rainfall last week, harvesting activities for most farm operators have been delayed. Pastures are responding well to the damp conditions. Armyworms are dissipating due to the cooler, wet environment. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 50 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 10/29/06

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, harvested	95	92	95	80
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	100	98	100	100
Peanuts, harvested	80	70	--	--
Rice, harvested	100	100	100	98
Soybeans, harvested	100	99	99	91
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	87	85	94	91
Winter Wheat, planted	50	28	--	39
Winter Wheat, emerged	28	16	--	24

Crop condition for week ending 10/29/06

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	7	13	29	43	8
Pasture	12	24	30	34	0
Winter Wheat	0	1	45	50	4

## Comments

“Fields are still wet. It will take another few days of dry weather for crop harvesting to be 100% completed.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Much needed rains were received three days last week. It helped to restore ponds and give us needed moisture to plant winter crops and to help them germinate.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

“Because we went so long hoping for rain, I hate to say we now need sunshine and dry weather. This would help us complete the cotton soybean harvests.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Rain last week was welcomed by all. Winter pastures have really responded to the adequate rainfall. Additional grazing is also being planted following the rainfall.”

— Victor Lee, Simpson

“Winter forage crops are finally beginning to emerge well because of the nearly 10 inches of rainfall over the last two weeks.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“We received 3 inches of rain last week. Ryegrass is looking good. We need some early grazing to help with the shortage of hay. We had one light frost in some areas last week. Cotton and peanut harvesting is complete with good yields.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

“Moderate temperatures coupled with a slow soaking rain moved through the area during the early part of the week. It has helped winter forages to begin growing.”

— Billy J. Lee, Pearl River

“Wheat acreage has increased with good planting conditions and better prices. There are still some crops to be harvested.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Most of the cotton is harvested and a few beans remain. The cool weather and rain have reduced the armyworm problems in forages.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Recent rains have slowed harvesting in most fields. We are still short of rain for the year. Cattle producers are taking inventory of hay supplies and are working to locate and purchase hay to make up for the tremendous shortfall this year.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Wet fields have delayed the completion of soybean and cotton harvesting.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 10/29/06													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
<b>Upper Delta</b>													
Cleveland	70	37	54	60	-6	1.66	0.90	2	6.53				
Lambert	75	33	53			2.13	1.33	2	4.34				
Tunica	70	37	55	59	-4	0.57	-0.32	3	2.05				
Extreme/Average	75	33	54	60	-6	1.66	0.80	2	6.53				
<b>North-Central</b>													
Calhoun City	72	33	50	59	-9	0.93	0.20	2	6.13				
Hickory Flat	65	29	48	57	-9	1.27	0.43	1	3.67				
Independence	70	29	49	57	-8	1.89	1.11	3	3.73				
Oxford	72	31	50	57	-7	1.54	0.60	2	4.62				
Extreme/Average	72	29	50	58	-8	1.41	0.54	3	0.00				
<b>Northeast</b>													
Booneville	73	32	54	57	-3	3.16	2.30	3	6.58				
Iuka	70	28	47	55	-8	1.00	0.13	3	4.37				
Ripley	71	30	48	56	-8	1.29	0.45	3	3.37				
Verona	73	34	52	58	-6	1.13	0.40	3	5.55				
Extreme/Average	73	28	50	58	-8	1.65	0.80	3	5.55				
<b>Lower Delta</b>													
Moorhead	69	38	54	62	-8	1.95	1.11	4	7.24				
Rolling Fork	72	36	56	61	-5	3.34	2.37	3	11.32				
Stoneville	70	37	55	61	-6	0.91	0.08	1	7.97				
Yazoo City	69	37	54	62	-8	3.11	2.07	3	11.13				
Extreme/Average	72	36	55	61	-6	2.80	1.87	3	7.24				
<b>Central</b>													
Canton	73	34	55	61	-6	2.92	2.01	4	10.84				
Carthage				60		2.86	2.01	2	8.22				
Eupora	71	32	52	58	-6	1.61	0.73	3	8.34				
Lexington	72	32	53	60	-7	1.84	0.92	2	12.14				
Extreme/Average	73	32	54	60	-6	2.38	1.48	3	11.49				
<b>East-Central</b>													
Aberdeen	74	34	51	58	-7	1.41	0.53	3	5.87				
Houston	71	30	50	57	-7	0.86	0.06	3	5.55				
State University	74	30	50	60	-10	1.49	0.67	3	10.50				
Extreme/Average	74	30	51	60	-9	1.25	0.40	3	8.19				
<b>Southwest</b>													
Crystal Springs	73	38	56	63	-7	2.35	1.60	2	8.56				
Natchez				64		2.91	1.93	3	9.71				
Vicksburg	70	38	57			1.73	0.00	3	11.44				
Extreme/Average	73	38	56	62	-6	2.35	1.47	2	0.00				
<b>South-Central</b>													
Collins	79	37	56	61	-5	4.40	3.54	2	7.00				
Columbia	72	40	58	63	-5	3.65	2.82	3	6.87				
Tylertown	74	39	58	64	-6	0.48	-0.45	1	5.79				
Extreme/Average	79	37	57	62	-5	4.03	3.19	3	6.94				
<b>Southeast</b>													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg	72	41	56	63	-7	2.42	1.53	2	5.37				
Laurel	78	38	57	61	-4	2.59	1.82	3	4.96				
Newton	74	32	53	59	-6	2.40	1.52	3	5.65				
Extreme/Average	78	32	55	61	-6	2.50	1.70	3	4.96				
<b>Coastal</b>													
Gulfport				66		0.60	-0.01	1	3.71				
Pascagoula 3 NE				64		0.07	-0.75	1	1.48				
Picayune				64		1.00	0.26	1	3.80				
<b>State</b>	79	28	54	61	-7	2.24	1.38	3	7.47				

DFN = Departure from Normal.